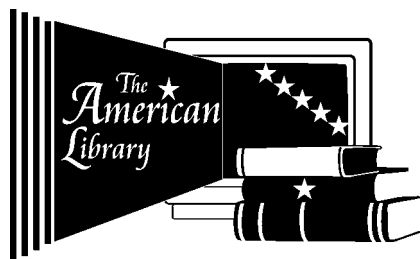


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ARCHITECTURE & URBAN PLANNING

1. Elvin, George.
Integrated practice in architecture : mastering design-build, fast-track, and building information modeling / George Elvin. John Wiley & Sons, ©2007. 255 p. 721.04 ELV

George Elvin distills his twenty-five years of experience in design and construction in this book, which explores the new phenomenon of integrated practice in architecture. Integrated practice is all about weaving together the art of design and the craft of construction. It closes the gap between architects, engineers and builders, so that they work together either as fully integrated firms or in multiform partnerships. This is a holistic approach where the client benefits from the single point of responsibility for their entire project giving them greater voice in the design and construction process. It also results in healthier and more robust building. Integrated practice is likely to be the fastest growing method of project delivery in the United States. This practice leads to a more effective and efficient process and incurs fewer costs. This book provides the blueprint for the architects, engineers, contractors and owners to work collectively in shaping a better world. -- (For use only in the Library) CH/K/M/ND *(Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2005)*

2. Hester, Randolph T.
Design for ecological democracy / Randolph T. Hester. MIT Press, ©2006. 509 p. REF 307.1216 HES

This compelling testament draws our attention to the contraindications of city building. Over the last five decades human beings have gone rampant in city building and suburbanization processes and in doing so they have gradually lost connection with their communities, fellow citizens, natural environment, and ultimately the joy of life. Randolph Hester seeks remedy for this and proposes new principles for urban design to keep the people closer to their fellow citizens and environment. He advocates in favor of combining together the powerful forces of ecology and democracy to bring about the much-needed revolution in urban design. Cities should be ecologically resilient and not ecologically jeopardizing. City designs should impart joy in its residents rather than filling them with fear, good cities are expected to enrich us rather than limit us. This timely book will be highly useful for designers, planners, environmentalists,

community activists and others who would like to improve their local communities. -- (For use only in the Library) CH/M

3. Taking the high road : a metropolitan agenda for transportation reform / edited by Bruce Katz and Robert Puentes. Brookings Institution Press, ©2005. 331 p. 388.4 TAK

Although two federal laws were passed in 1990s, congestion is still a hallmark of many metropolitan areas of the United States. Working families, whether they live in the metropolitan outer fringe or the heart of the city, often face problem in commuting to their workplace. However, on the positive side, these laws have offered a new framework for transportation practices and have slowly but gradually started to level the playing field between highway and alternative transportation strategies, as well as between older and newer communities. The authors, who are all experts in the field of transportation, tap upon the most pressing transportation challenges facing American cities, suburbs, and metropolitan areas. They offer reformative ideas that could be applied by the state, metropolitan and local leaders to put an end to the America's transportation dilemmas. -- CH/M

THE ARTS

4. Anderson, Iain.
This is our music : free jazz, the sixties, and American culture / Iain Anderson. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007. 254 p
781.65 AND

This thoroughly-researched book takes a look at the issues associated with free jazz. The roots of free jazz go back to the fifties and sixties, when this new music was coming into existence in the coffeehouses and nightclubs of New York City, Chicago, and Los Angeles. Since then this form of music has been in the news for various reasons. In this book, Anderson explores how this music and its performers and supporters have challenged and also accommodated themselves to an ongoing process of cultural stratification. Besides, he also traces the intersections between free jazz, avant-grade artistic movements, politics and patronage of the sixties. -- CH/M

5. Barrier, J. Michael.
The animated man : a life of Walt Disney / Michael Barrier.
University of California Press, ©2007. 393 p. 791.43 DIS

Although the market is flooded with biographies of Walt Disney (1901-1966), the most significant name associated with the art of animation, this biography by Michael Barrier clearly stands apart in portraying the great American in his many aspects. Barrier, who himself knows animation inside and out, presents an accurate and unbiased account of Walt Disney. *The Animated Man* offers an informative description of Disney's childhood and young adulthood in rural Missouri and Kansas City. He illustrates how Disney grew from a farm boy to young businessman to pioneering artist and, ultimately, to entrepreneur on a grand scale. Added with many anecdotes and details, the book comes alive in chronicling an honest, interesting and enjoyable account of Disney's life. -- K

6. Cleve Bastian.
Film production management / Bastian Cleve. 3rd ed. Elsevier, 2006.
226 p. 791.43 CLE

Based on his experience as the producer of some 80 films, Bastian Cleve presents this practical hands-on guide to screenplay production. Aimed at both novice and seasoned film professionals, this book systematically details the existing industry standards and practices in the film-production industry. It also provides information on contracts, budgets, markets, and resources. This updated edition further captures digital filmmaking, new information on shooting permits, immigration and temporary work permits, and completion bond. Apart from these, sample forms and charts used in film-production are included for reference. -- K

7. DeKoven, Lenore.
Changing direction : a practical approach to directing actors in film and theatre / Lenore DeKoven. Focal Press, ©2006. 193 p.
792.0233 DEK

Written mainly for the directors and actors of TV, film and theatre, this book is a perfect guide to film directing. Drawing on her several years of experience in the classroom, in workshops, and also on the set, Lenore

DeKoven offers practical advice on the techniques of directing actors. She presents the underlying theories and exercises for relaxing actors. She also elaborates on precisely capturing and portraying human behavior, so as to get great performances from actors. Her specific and practical advice and solutions reflect the tone of a truly seasoned director. -- M

8. The essential Chaplin : perspectives on the life and art of the great comedian / edited with an introduction by Richard Schickel. 2006. 315 p. 791.43028 CHA

This book provides both film novices and scholars with an intriguing new examination of comedy legend Charlie Chaplin. Edited and with a detailed and insightful introduction by noted film critic Schickel, this collection of some 30 essays by such renowned figures as journalist Alistair Cooke, film critics Dilys Powell and Andre Bazin, statesman Winston Churchill, and novelist Graham Greene offers a fascinating look into Chaplin's life and oeuvre. Each of the book's six sections explores a different period in the silent film star's career, from his earliest days to his latest features. Written both by his contemporaries and those who came of age after his golden era had passed, *The Essential Chaplin* is an essential read for anyone mesmerized by the history of film, the cult of celebrity, or the life of the comedian. -- CH
(Adapted from *Library Journal*, ©2006)

BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

9. Blanchard, Kenneth H.
Go team! : take your team to the next level / Ken Blanchard, Alan Randolph, and Peter Grazier. Berrett-Koehler, ©2005. 143 p. 658.4022 BLA

This book reveals what it takes to create a powerful team. Everyone understands and recognizes the value of an effective team, but still most fail to build an effective team. A superior team taps the potential of each team-member and blends their skills, experiences, and motivations together to make a winning team. It stresses managing conflicts, making and implementing decisions, sharing leadership among members, and not claiming the credit for results. The authors identify three stages for the entire process – sowing seeds for change, dealing

with discouragement, and preparing for takeoff. They have provided numerous real-life examples where the principle has been applied to achieve improved profitability, morale, and retention of the team members. -- CH

10. Cherry, Paul.
Questions that sell : the powerful process for discovering what your customer really wants / Paul Cherry. AMACOM, ©2006. 181 p.
658.85 CHE

In contrast to most of the books on this topic, this sales guide is a provocative read. It emphasizes the techniques of advanced questioning and how it can be exploited to sell one's products to potential customers based on values rather than price. This book advocates prospecting the potential customer, gain his confidence, build rapport with him, explore his passive necessities, uncover hidden motives, and create a sense of urgency to finally push the product. Although it's vital to the business of selling, more often than not the sales people are not good at this skill, which often results in missed opportunities. This book will be most useful to those who are in the business of selling and lack the art and confidence of asking relevant questions. -- CH/K/M/ND

11. Dennis, Everette E.
Finding the best business school for you : looking past the rankings / Everette E. Dennis and Sharon P. Smith. Praeger, ©2006. 207 p.
650.0711 DEN

The book provides much needed insights for students to get the best out their MBA choice. Making wise and informed choice while going for business studies is the first and foremost important step. The scope of the book includes finding the best and most appropriate business school, calculating both short- and long-term implications, considering the pros and cons of a formal business school in context of the upcoming attitudes toward management and the role of MBA in developing successful leaders. While one-fourth of all master's degrees are conferred in business, authors have done a bold job of evaluating the investment in MBA programs and their contribution to long-term professional and personal goals. -- M/ND

12. Echols, Michael E.
Competitive advantage from human capital investment / Michael E. Echols. Tapestry Press, ©2006. 137 p. 658.301 ECH

Traditionally, capital assets and manufacturing ability were the foundations for the growth of a business organization. Today, however, intangible assets including human capital resources have become more vital for their growth. Companies are therefore compelled to invest more in human capital for their survival in a highly competitive market. This book explores and provides tools for managers to balance job training versus higher education. It provides invaluable tips for motivating employees and investing in education to retain their human capital asset. In the light of the new forces, companies will have to understand and appreciate the exigency of changing business models to lead ahead of their competitors. -- CH/K/ND

13. Kemp, Sid.
Project management made easy / Entrepreneur Press and Sid Kemp. Entrepreneur Press, ©2006. 256 p. 658.404 KEM

Sid Kemp shows how one can effectively plan business decisions and react to various challenges, opportunities and problems facing a business. Sid believes that work can be challenging, rewarding, and fun all at once. This book attempts to teach learning and applying project management tools to effectively manage one's business. Project management is easy to learn and requires a mix of common sense, sound thinking, and doing the work step by step. It is an effective tool that will not only help solve problems of one's business but will also stimulate its vision and growth. The book would come in handy for both entrepreneurs of small business and their employees. -- K/ND

14. Lynn, Adele B.
Quick emotional intelligence activities for busy managers : 50 team exercises that get results in just 15 minutes / Adele B. Lynn. American Management Association, ©2007. 194 p. 658.4022 LYN

Success in business or any organization for that matter depends on the skills of its individuals to function as team players. Even a team of outstanding individuals, who cannot perform as a team, would not deliver great results. Teamwork depends on team members' emotional intelligence –

what they say and do, how they say, what they fail to state or do, and how they engage or avoid conflict. This book addresses the importance of emotional intelligence and how team leaders can best exploit the principles of emotional intelligence and lead their team to be more productive and result-oriented. This book incorporates activities that give team members practical ways to look at their own behavior within the context of the team. Managers, supervisors, and team leaders will find quick tools for helping team members improve their emotional intelligence. In general, this is a great book that has the potential of taking the members of a team in the direction of success. -- CH/K/M/ND

15. Public Sector enterprise resource planning : issues in change management / edited by Rainer A. Sommer. Edward Elgar, ©2006. 199 p. 352.34 PUB

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems at the federal level have not been as productive as they have been in the private sector. One of the possible reasons for this could be magnitude and complexity of federal enterprise. While new IT-enabled process management tools have helped organizations worldwide to enhance their efficiency and effectiveness, editor R.A. Sommer is optimistic that even the federal government will change its management of business processes. The contributors, who are experienced public sector managers, consulting leaders and academic researchers, believe that new approaches to change management must be explored. While admitting the different management cultures in the public sector enterprises as compared to their private counterparts, the volume provides a great deal for the public sector managers to plan, implement, and change management and ERP initiatives. -- K/ND

COMMUNICATION

16. Moore, Barbara.
Prime-time television : a concise history / Barbara Moore, Marvin R. Bensman, and Jim Van Dyke. Praeger, ©2006. 305 p. 384.55 MOO

The distinction of television as a medium lies in its capacity to tell stories over real time. This book offers a concise history of this powerful medium that attempts to answer some of the associated questions like why the programs look the way they do, why they are scheduled the way they are,

why some shows qualify to be aired while others don't, and what are the components that have shaped and influenced the television screen over time. The book is chronologically organized beginning with the influence of radio on early television through all major developments. -- K/CH/ND

17. Rein, Irving J.
The elusive fan : reinventing sports in a crowded marketplace / Irving Rein, Philip Kotler, and Ben Shields. McGraw-Hill, ©2006. 345 p. 796.06 REI

Despite the fact that the growth of sports, which is already a multibillion-dollar global business today, is bound to grow further in the time to come; it is becoming increasingly harder to attract, and retain sports fan. In an age of diversification, the traditional sports like baseball, football, and basketball, are compelled to compete for fans' attraction with the snowboarding, lacrosse, poker and even paintball. In order to bring the fans on their side, effective sports marketing and sound sports communication have become mandatory. Communication expert Irving Rein, marketing guru Philip Kotler, and communication specialist Ben Shields offer an innovative new business model for capturing the larger share of market and addressing fan satisfaction and retention. They offer several ideas for attracting fans and developing a thorough brand-building framework, often using real world case-studies. Loaded with the essentials of sports marketing and communication, this guide to surviving and thriving in the contemporary expanding world of sports is an excellent blend of facts and analysis. This ground-breaking book is an indispensable book for any sports lover. -- CH

ECONOMICS

18. Beinhocker, Eric D.
The origin of wealth : the radical remaking of economics and what it means for business and society / Eric D. Beinhocker. Harvard Business School Press, 2007. 527 p. 338.9 BEI

Eric Beinhocker addresses some of the fundamental questions related to wealth and elaborates on basics like what is wealth, how it is created, and how it can be incremented. He argues that like the biological system, economy is also an evolutionary system that has driven the world

from the Stone Age to the contemporary \$36.5 trillion global economy. The book attempts to change the way people think about the economy and economic systems rather than prescribing dos and don'ts. The book does not require a prior background in economics, nor does it use overtly technical jargon. A full bibliography given at the end would come handy for the advance readers interested in exploring further. The book seeks to attract a wide audience – from business leaders, investors, policy makers open to new ideas, scholars, and students, to anyone with a general interest in economics, social issues, public policy, and science. -- CH/K/M/ND

19. Berger, Suzanne.
How we compete : what companies around the world are doing to make it in today's global economy / Suzanne Berger and the MIT Industrial Performance Center. Currency Doubleday, 2006. 334 p. 382 BER

This timely book attempts to answer the rising fear of Americans about their jobs. On the surface, it seems that jobs are moving away to the low-wage countries in Asia, Central America, and Eastern Europe. Production is broken into units and pieces and farmed out around the world. Based on interviews with managers at more than 500 companies conducted by Suzanne Berger and a group of MIT researchers, this book offers a vivid picture of what globalization actually means for firms that operate in an increasingly competitive global market. Low wages do not always attract firms to another country, especially when they are coupled with low skills, low productivity, and poor quality. Also, venturing abroad does not mean losing nationality of the firm. To win in the global economy, American companies are compelled to open up, especially when they have a much wider avenue today than ever before. -- CH/M

20. Easterly, William Russell.
The white man's burden : why the West's efforts to aid the rest have done so much ill and so little good / William Easterly. Penguin Press, ©2006. 436 p. 338.91 EAS

Former World Bank research economist William Easterly believes that more than \$2.3 trillion that West has poured into the Third World over in a period of over fifty years has gone in vain because little has actually reached those who were supposed to be helped. According to Easterly the root cause of this failure lies in an altogether wrong approach to the

problem. He contends that the West has failed, and continues to fail, to enact its ill-formed, utopian aid plans because, like the colonialists of old, it assumes it knows what is best for everyone. Existing aid strategies provide neither accountability nor feedback. Without accountability for failures, broken economic systems are never fixed. And without feedback from the poor who need the aid, no one in charge really understands exactly what trouble spots need fixing. True victories against poverty, he demonstrates, are most often achieved through indigenous, ground-level planning. Readers will come away with a clear sense of how orthodox methods of poverty reduction are ineffective, and can sometimes even worsen poor economies. -- CH/M (*Adapted from Publishers Weekly*, ©2006)

21. International trade and finance : new frontiers for research : essays in honor of Peter B. Kenen / edited by Benjamin J. Cohen. Cambridge University Press, 2005. 402 p. 382 INT

This collection of original essays by his students and collaborators is an acknowledgment of scholar Peter Kenen on his sixty-fifth birthday. The essays contributed in this seminal volume frame an agenda for future research in the field of international trade and finance. The book is divided into three parts – international trade theory, international monetary theory, and applied policy analysis. A brief essay by Paul Krugman highlights Kenen's life of outstanding scholarship. This is a must-read book for those interested in understanding the wide-ranging concepts of international economics. -- ND

22. Nelson, Julie A.
Economics for humans / Julie A. Nelson. University of Chicago Press, 2006. 154 p. 174 NEL

Economic theories are often perceived to be ruthless systems that operate beyond human control. Julie A. Nelson, however, does not agree with this notion and argues against the deeply ingrained notion that economics is immune to moral values and distant from human relationships. She believes that ethics and human relationships cannot be segregated the economic world since we create our economic world. Nelson's fresh treatment of the subject would compel and inspire the readers to consider the way they perceive economy, its possibilities, and their own place and role within the existing economic system. -- K/M/ND

EDUCATION

23. Beyond boundaries : reflections of Indian and U.S. scholars / edited by Zeeshan-ul-hassan Usmani and Nibir K. Ghosh. iUniverse, Inc., ©2007. 574 p. 370.116 BEY

Sixty-one essays – thirty-four from Indian Fulbright Scholars visiting the U.S., and 27 from their U.S. counterparts visiting India, between 1959 and 2006 – present an interesting and unforgettable read. This collection of essays documents the way cultural exchanges open up the horizon of human mind. Learning in a foreign country while experiencing new cultures and values helps acquire wisdom that brings individuals out of their domestic shell and opens-up a wide spectrum of possibilities for cross-boundary communications. Scholars interested in studying in the United States or coming to India will especially gain from the resulting perspective of the book. Those interested in people, cultures and diversity will also be overwhelmed by the personal narratives of the Fulbright Scholars. -- CH/K/M/ND

24. Zemsky, Robert.
Remaking the American university : market-smart and mission-centered / Robert Zemsky, Gregory R. Wegner and William F. Massy. Rutgers University Press, ©2005. 231 p. 378.73 ZEM

Universities have conventionally been a place of social change. However, over time they have also been influenced by the market and college rankings such as those published by *U.S. News and World Report*. As a result, they have become more like businesses that produce career-driven graduates. Zemsky, Wegner, and Massy analyze how universities have changed from places of "public purpose" to their contemporary orientation. They suggest ways in which universities can use the market to their advantage in order to return to missions valuing public purpose and societal impact. They discuss undergraduate education, the role of athletics, the increased importance of professor publishing, the advantages and disadvantages of online classes, the importance of quality, and public policy. -- CH/K/M/ND (*Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2005*)

ENVIRONMENT

25. Ahern, Jack.
Biodiversity planning and design : sustainable practices / Jack Ahern, Elizabeth Leduc, and Mary Lee York. Island Press, ©2006. 110 p. REF 333.9516 AHE

Using real-world case-studies from across the United States, authors look at the issues of biodiversity from an applications perspective in both public and private landscape architecture and planning practice. Cases are presented from small to broad scale and range from site-based projects in Washington, Massachusetts, and Michigan to river basin and statewide planning efforts in Oregon and Florida. Ahern, Leduc and York address issues like the role of landscape architects and planners, the most effective methods for planning and design, and other essential issues. The authors stress the need for an interdisciplinary approach to the issue. They successfully establish a meaningful relationship between planning and design practices with biodiversity conservation. They also reveal how planners and designers can synchronize their efforts with conservation biologists, restoration ecologists, and natural and social scientists to bring about greater success in promoting sustainable biodiversity. -- (For use only in the Library) K

26. Dessler, Andrew Emory.
The science and politics of global climate change : a guide to the debate / Andrew E. Dessler and Edward A. Parson. Cambridge University Press, ©2006. 190 p. 363.73874 DES

Climate change and its variability have become the leading environmental concern of this century and have generated huge debate leaving many confused. In this timely book, Dressler and Parson have used their expertise to answer some of the related questions. Providing the readers with both science and policy backgrounds, the authors have attempted to provide a well-researched roadmap to the subject. In the process, they have taken up many related issues like the lack of political mandate for concrete action. to address the potential devastating threat to the environment, the role of media and its influence, the relationship between climate change and ozone depletion, etc. Taken as a whole, the authors have indeed done a great job of putting together the key scientific accounts and relating them to policy

in a very logical sequence. The book is likely to attract interest of not only the scientific community and policy makers but also the general public. -- CH/K/M/ND

27. Farnham, Timothy J.
Saving nature's legacy : origins of the idea of biological diversity / Timothy J. Farnham. Yale University Press, ©2007. 276 p.
577 FAR

One immediate concern of environmentalists today is biological diversity. Since the inception of the term some twenty-five years back, the concept of biological diversity fast captured the public attention and has come to the forefront of environmental concerns today. In this book, Timothy J. Farnham takes a historical look at the topic and explores the historical roots of biological diversity. He traces the evolution of the idea of biological diversity and associates it with the evolution of American attitudes towards the natural world. Environmental buffs would appreciate this title for its fresh treatment to the subject. -- CH/M/ND

28. Flannery, Tim F.
The weather makers : how man is changing the climate and what it means for life on Earth / Tim Flannery. Atlantic Monthly Press, ©2005. 357 p. 363.73874 FLA

Flannery – well known for his controversial ideas on conservation, the environment and population control – presents a straightforward and powerful analysis of the connection between climate change and global warming. Tim Flannery, who spent several years researching the topic, discusses climate change from a historical perspective and elaborates how climate change and global warming are interconnected across the planet. Apart from raising the issue, Flannery also offers specific suggestions for both lawmakers and individuals. Much of the book's success is rooted in Flannery's succinct and fascinating insights into related topics, such as the differences between the terms greenhouse effect, global warming and climate change, and how the El Niño cycle of extreme climatic events "had a profound reorganizing effect on nature." But the heart of the book is Flannery's impassioned look at the earth's "colossal" carbon dioxide pollution problem and his argument for how we can shift from our current global reliance on fossil fuels to a hydrogen-based economy. Emphasizing on our environmental behavior that makes us all "weather makers," Flannery

calls for an urgent action to prevent a cataclysmic future. -- CH/M/ND
(Adapted from *Publishers Weekly*, ©2005)

29. Kirby, Jack Temple.
Mockingbird song : ecological landscapes of the South / Jack Temple Kirby. University of North Carolina Press, ©2006. 361 p.
304.2 KIR

From New England to the Pacific Northwest, each region of the United States evokes its own cultural personality, but perhaps none is as abundant in iconic imagery as the American South. From King Cotton to Kentucky's trademark fried chicken; the products, politics, poetry, and polemics that create and define the region are rigorously examined in Kirby's extensively researched profile of a singular land and its people. In a narrative voice, Kirby looks at all Southerners and their landscape – how people have used, yielded, or manipulated varying environments and how they have treated forests, water, and animals. Using a sweeping interdisciplinary approach that combines archaeology, agronomy, geology, sociology, and zoology, Kirby traces the South's metamorphosis from the pre-Columbian epoch of its Native American tribal inhabitants through the Civil War and Reconstruction to the culturally homogenized emergence of the so-called New South. Citing literary classics such as *The Yearling* and contemporary cinematic fare such as *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* Kirby ecumenically draws on cultural and historical references to ponder the ethics of human behavior and its effect upon a land that has suffered and survived abuses social and ecological. -- CH
(Adapted from *Booklist*, ©2006)

30. Managing biodiversity in agricultural ecosystems / edited by D.I. Jarvis, C. Padoch, and H.D.Cooper. Columbia University Press, ©2007. 492 p. 630 MAN

This collection of essays explores the way farmers manage, maintain, and benefit from biodiversity in agricultural production systems. This authoritative volume takes a look at the current efforts and the ongoing research work to maintain local diversity at genetic, species, and ecosystem levels, and assesses the contemporary farming practices for managing their crops, livestock, and associated diversities. The book uniquely combines the perspectives of social and biological scientists. Several case studies are cited to show how farmers use alternative approaches for managing biodiversity

and the resulting benefits. The book addresses a wide audience. Conservationists, environmentalists, botanists, zoologists, geneticists and those interested in improving the health of our ecosystem would find this volume interesting. -- CH/M

31. On risk and disaster : lessons from Hurricane Katrina / edited by Ronald J. Daniels, Donald F. Kettl, and Howard Kunreuther; foreword by Amy Gutmann. University of Pennsylvania Press, ©2006. 293 p. 363.348 ONR

America's ability to prepare for and respond to natural disasters and other risks was put to the test after 9/11 terrorist attacks and Hurricane Katrina. This volume gathers leading experts to address how Americans can be better prepared in future against such disasters. Today, Americans are living in a new world of geopolitical risk. Hurricane Katrina has proved to be one of the most expensive natural disasters in the history of the United States and has raised several questions about how Americans prepares for certain risks. In this thoughtful volume, many experts address the question of public and private roles in assessing and managing major public health and safety risks. More natural disasters are expected in the future along the lines of Katrina, major fires, earthquakes, or even a flu pandemic in the United States. What remains from the Katrina experience is that the United States and its citizens must be prepared to act even in the case of an unimaginable catastrophe. -- CH

HISTORY & CIVILIZATION

32. History and health policy in the United States : putting the past back in / edited by Rosemary A. Stevens, Charles E. Rosenberg, and Lawton R. Burns. Rutgers University Press, ©2006. 364 p. 362.1 HIS

History and Health Policy in the United States attempts to answer some of the vital questions associated with the healthcare system in the United States today and the direction it is heading using the lens of history. Stressing the historical perspective of health and health policy in the United States, the book addresses the current dilemmas of policymakers. The essays included in this book are by leading scholars who emphasize the role and utility of tracing the historical roots shaping the health policy today. The

book is of specific interest to the health policymakers and anyone who is interested in the health and health care policy of the United States. -- K

INFORMATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

33. Hayen, Roger L.
SAP R/3 enterprise software : an introduction / Roger Hayen.
McGraw-Hill, ©2007. 180 p. 650.0285 HAY

This book explores enterprise software by using the SAP R/3 Enterprise System as an example. Written by a SAP R/3 instructor himself, the book provides a good overall understanding of enterprise software – what is it, how it works, and how it is deployed in a corporate set-up. Hayen's expertise in SAP R/3 is reflected in his useful introduction to the essential concepts of the system illustrating hands-on implementation of the concepts. Concise yet thorough, this book is suitable for both students as well as professional trainers. -- K

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

34. Avoiding the abyss : progress, shortfalls, and the way ahead in combating the WMD threat / edited by Barry R. Schneider and Jim A. Davis. Praeger Security International, ©2006. 430 p. 327.1745 AVO

Edited by a current director and a former deputy director of the U.S. Air Force Counterproliferation Center and contributions coming from former military personnel and analysts from conservative think tanks specializing in weapons of mass destruction (WMD), this book assesses U.S. efforts to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and explores outstanding issues, largely from a military perspective. Essays discuss possible connections between WMD and terrorism, progress in military counterforce capability (the ability to target WMD infrastructure), missile defense, passive defense, consequence management, counter-WMD concepts of operation at U.S. and allied air bases, and counterproliferation cooperation with allies. -- CH/K/ND *(Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006)*

35. Bush, George W.
The George W. Bush foreign policy reader : presidential speeches with commentary / edited by John W. Dietrich. M.E. Sharpe, ©2005. 320 p. 327.73 BUS

Aiming to "present a balanced portrait of Bush's actions and motivations," Dietrich presents a collection of major foreign policy addresses by the President, organized according to categories dealing with the pre-9/11 era, the war on terrorism, Iraq, general security issues, global issues, Europe and Russia, relations with Asian powers, Middle East peace and reform, and Latin America and Africa. Each section includes a brief introductory essay providing background material and incorporating material from critics well within the mainstream of American foreign policy elites. The book presents a clear yet concise overview and a balanced portrait of the 43rd U.S. president's foreign policy, his actions and motivations leaving the readers to draw their own judgments on Bush administration policies and their implications for future U.S. policy. -- ND (*Adapted from Book News, Inc.*, ©2005)

36. Dueck, Colin.
Reluctant crusaders : power, culture, and change in American grand strategy / Colin Dueck. Princeton University Press, ©2006. 224 p. 327.73 DUE

Colin Dueck traces the patterns of change and continuity American foreign policy strategy in the context of four major global events – World War I, World War II, the Cold War, and the 9/11 terrorist attacks. He appreciates the role of both power and culture in shaping the strategy. The object of focus in this persuasive volume is the future of American “grand strategy,” which involves identification and promotion of America’s national goals overseas in the light of limited resources and potential resistance. The book presents a persistent tug of war between international pressures and U.S. strategic culture that drives the story of American policy adjustment over time. -- K/ND

37. Flynn, Stephen E.
The edge of disaster : rebuilding a resilient nation / Stephen Flynn.
Random House, ©2007. 240 p. 363.34 FLY

Homeland Security expert Flynn examines the vulnerability of the United States to disaster – natural and man-made – and what the nation must do to fortify its security. By exploring several well-documented and frightening scenarios, Flynn exposes America's weaknesses and the consequences of its failure to adequately plan for disaster. Avian flu outbreak in New York, destruction of a chemical plant in New Jersey, a San Francisco earthquake that compromises levees and leads to massive flooding – are some of the scenarios that he exposes to validate his argument. Flynn points to threats from American's blithe disregard for the dangers all around them, including chemical plants and oil refineries operating in close proximity to crowded communities. Of course nobody can plan for every disaster, but the nation can be better prepared, Flynn maintains, and he offers advice on how corporations and the U.S. government can reduce the risk of disaster for its citizens. He offers some meaningful solutions like making sure energy management and public-health systems have enough resources and building more power-transmission lines to keep lights on when temperatures rise. The book reads like a thriller but has the added essence of reality. -- M (*Adapted from Booklist*, ©2007)

38. Handbook of bioterrorism and disaster medicine / edited by Robert E. Antosia and John D. Cahill. Springer, ©2006. 492 p.
REF 363.32 MAN

This handbook fills the gap in the literature on the specific topic of bioterrorism and disaster medicine. Its scope expands from bioterrorism, infectious disease, microbiology, virology, public health, and epidemiology to disaster medicine and more. The book is both practical and a clinical guide to various types of disasters. Abundant web-based references provide more resources while keeping the chapters concise. It is an indispensable book for anyone who is either interested in the topic or may be vulnerable to such attacks. -- (For use only in the Library) K/ND

39. Hymans, Jacques E.C.
The psychology of nuclear proliferation : identity, emotions, and foreign policy / Jacques E.C. Hymans. Cambridge University Press, 2006. 273 p. 327.1747 HYM

“Why some states go nuclear while others don’t” is the topic under probe in this exceptionally good book. Hymans observes that it is not the technical capability that is the key factor behind going nuclear, rather it’s the way individual leaders view their nation’s identity and the way nuclear weapons might affect their nation’s international position. Supported by his case study of France, India, Argentina and Australia, Hymans presents a novel theory of decision-making linking identity to emotions and further on to nuclear choices. This theory debunks many of the commonly held notions on the subject. The originality of Hymans’ account makes this a truly invaluable book especially for policymakers, scholars, and concerned citizens. -- K/ND

40. Layne, Christopher.
The peace of illusions : American grand strategy from 1940 to the present / Christopher Layne. Cornell University Press, ©2006. 290 p. 327.73 LAY

Examining contemporary U.S. government decision-making from the perspective of both international relations theory and American diplomatic history, Christopher Layne presents a critique of the U.S. quest for hegemony since 1940. Stressing consistency of U.S. foreign policy during the period, Layne demonstrates the continuity of Bush’s foreign policy with that of the past. He is also concerned about the lack of U.S. policy to adapt in response to the profoundly changed international landscape after the end of cold war. Proposing a policy he calls “offshore balancing” to protect American interests, Layne suggests that the United States should engage in diplomacy to balance the global power equilibrium and should intervene only when local or regional balance is threatened. Layne’s deft combination of international relations theory with historical analysis adds to the flavor of the book and makes it a must-read to get a thorough understanding of Bush Doctrine, the Iraq War, and the ongoing direction of U.S. foreign policy. -- CH/M

LAW

41. Merry, Sally Engle.
Human rights and gender violence : translating international law
into local justice / Sally Engle Merry. University of Chicago Press,
©2006. 269 p. 362.88 MER

Although issues like human rights and women's rights are high on the international agenda including in the United Nations, women around the globe are often subjected to violence. The international human rights movement against violence towards women appears to be trapped between global legal principles and local practices. This book timely picks up the issue and looks into the intricacies of global law and local justice. Sally Engle Merry, as an observer of UN diplomatic negotiations, presents an insider's perspective on the issue. She gives a better understanding of the related legal framework and stresses on framing of international human rights law in local terms to make it truly effective. -- K/M/ND

42. Riskin, Gerald.
The successful lawyer : powerful strategies for transforming your
practice / Gerald A. Riskin. American Bar Association, ©2005.
241 p. 340.023 RIS

Gerald A. Riskin presents a compelling book for lawyers, which is filled with a mix of practical ideas and approaches to law practice. This motivating book explores how lawyers can take control of their destiny and transform their life into a more exciting, fulfilling, and profitable one. Effectively written, this book forces practicing lawyers to assess their practice objectively, essentially from a client's point of view. It helps identify strengths and weaknesses in their practice and offers practical advice on how to address those weaknesses and move forward. The concrete advice of the book can be put to use right away and will help explore one's full potential, making this book a must-read for any lawyer. -- CH/ND

43. Ritter, Gretchen.
The Constitution as social design : gender and civic membership in
the American constitutional order / Stanford University Press,
©2006. 381 p. 342.7308 RIT

This book deals with gender and civic membership in American constitutional politics – from the adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment through second wave feminism. This book presents an account of historically informed constitutional criticism and social theory. Gretchen Ritter has been impressive throughout this book which provides a through interpretation of the U.S. Constitution in terms of gender. The book explores the gender and the citizenship status of women in the United States and investigates what has delayed civic equality of women in the United States. Scholars with interest in gender studies, American law, and American political development will appreciate the thoughtfulness of this book. -- K

44. Schoenbaum, Thomas J.
International relations : the path not taken : using international law
to promote world peace and security / Thomas J. Schoenbaum.
Cambridge University Press, 2006. 320 p. 341 SCH

Thomas J. Schoenbaum is quite optimistic in addressing and analyzing the relevance of international law to international relations and foreign policy. Although international law and institutions are often considered to have failed in the twentieth century, Schoenbaum strongly argues that they have matured in the previous half century. Although far from perfection, the international law and institutions are gradually proving to be useful and accomplishing their mission. Focusing on contemporary problems of terrorism, nuclear non-proliferation, war and peace, economic development, protection of the global environment, reform of the United Nations, democracy and protection of human rights, this book rightly identifies that international law has not received proper attention in the foreign policies of nations and it could be used as a tool to address many of today's difficult and unresolved problems. -- CH/K/ND (*Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2005*)

45. The Supreme Court and American political development / edited by Ronald Kahn and Ken I. Kersch. University Press of Kansas, ©2006. 494 p. 347.7326 SUP

This collection of essays by the scholars of American political development depicts the interaction between the law, the judicial system, and American political development. The Contributors include Pam Brandwein, Howard Gillman, Mark Graber, Ronald Kahn, Tom Keck, Ken Kersch, Wayne Moore, Carol Nackenoff, Julie Novkov, and Mark Tushnet. Written for the advanced reader, the book provides an insight into the complexities of the U.S. Supreme Court – the way it has been influenced by both internal and external factors, and also the way its jurisprudence has responded to the changing socio-political obligations. This influence on judicial decision making, which is evident in several cases, has shaped the development of constitutional doctrine. The essays unveil the complex and sophisticated view of the Court as both a legal and political entity. Advanced students interested in better understanding the U.S. Supreme Court would particularly appreciate this book. -- CH/M/ND

LITERATURE & LANGUAGE

46. Bassett, John Earl.
Sherwood Anderson : an American career / John E. Bassett.
Susquehanna University Press, ©2006. 146 p. 813.52 AND

This book presents a critical introduction to Sherwood Anderson, an important Midwestern and American writer. It reevaluates the accomplishments of Anderson by focusing on his non-fictional, autobiographical, and journalistic writing. Drawing on Anderson's unpublished manuscripts, it sheds new light on his prolific career and captures the significance of Anderson's works. -- CH

47. Morrell, Jessica Page.
Between the lines : master the subtle elements of fiction writing / Jessica Page Morrell. Writer's Digest Books, ©2006. 299 p.
808.3 MOR

Oriented towards the more seasoned writer, this book focuses on the finer aspects of the craft of fiction writing that makes or transforms

a novel, short-story, or memoir into a timeless masterpiece. Drawing on her experience of teaching fiction and nonfiction writing for fifteen years and that of editing for about nine years, Jessica Page Morrell compared the craft of fiction writing with that of a mason – applying stone by stone and then smoothing the jagged places in between. *Between the Lines* provides step-by-step instructions on some of the most difficult aspects of fiction writing including transitions, prologues, subtext, revelations, misdirection, and balance. It also touches upon seamless blending of the unique components of a work and techniques for creating a cohesive and layered work. The in-depth treatment of a wide range of novel-writing components makes this book unique and different from the other numerous books on the subject. -- CH/K/ND

48. Twentieth-century American fiction on screen / edited by R. Barton. Cambridge University Press, ©2007. 257 p. 813.5409 TWE

History of commercial cinema reveals that most of the important works of literary fiction have found a subsequent life on the cinematic screen. This has indeed extended the reach and influence of each work of fiction. On the other hand, film industry has also enjoyed the economic and critical benefits of recycling the “pre-sold properties.” Focusing on this symbiotic relationship of the two arts, the essays in this collection analyze major screen adaptations of twentieth-century American fiction – from F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Last Tycoon* to Toni Morrison's *Beloved* – and explore how they played a pivotal role in the twentieth-century film industry. This volume combines the cinematic and literary approaches to explore the adaptation process from conception to production and reception. Essays included in the book explore how the political and historical contexts have guided the transfer from book to screen or from “telling” to “showing.” The text is lucid, engaging and loaded with production stills and full filmographies. The book offers a comprehensive account of the rich tradition of American literature on screen. -- CH/M

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

49. Haddad, Yvonne Yazbeck.
Muslim women in America : the challenge of Islamic identity today
/ Yvonne Yazbeck Haddad, Jane I. Smith and Kathleen M. Moore.
Oxford University Press, ©2006. 190 p. 305.48697 HAD

The identity crisis of women has always been an important and controversial agenda associated with Islam and has now become part of the Western political agenda. In this book, three women Yvonne Haddad, Jane Smith, and Kathleen Moore look at the perception of Muslim women in America and the Muslim attempts to form a new “American” Islam. Issues like dress, marriage, childrearing, conversion, and workplace discrimination have also been brought into focus in this volume. The authors identify the dilemma of Muslim women as they appear to have been caught in-between the demands of the Western society and that of their own community. This groundbreaking book presents the diversity of Muslim American Women while demonstrating the complexity of the issue. -- M

50. Patel, Eboo.
Acts of faith : the story of an American Muslim, the struggle for the soul of a generation / Eboo Patel. Beacon Press, ©2007. 189 p.
305.6 PAT

Eboo Patel argues that organizing youths of different religions and exploring their common values is essential for manifesting "the faith line" that will define the 21st century. Patel's own story is more powerful than the exhaustive examples he provides of how mainstream faith failed to reach young people like Osama bin Laden and Yigal Amir, the assassin of Yitzhak Rabin. With honesty, Patel relates how he suffered the racist taunts of fellow youth, and, in response, alternately rebelled against and absorbed the religion of his parents – Islam – but in his own way. Meanwhile, he continued to pursue interfaith work with vigor, not quite knowing his end goal but always feeling in his gut that interfaith understanding was the key. This autobiography of a young activist captures how an angry youth can be transformed – by faith, by the community and, most of all, by himself – into a profound leader for the cause of peace. -- CH/K/M/ND (*Adapted from Publishers Weekly, ©2007*)

POLITICAL SCIENCE

51. Dahl, Robert Alan.
On political equality / Robert A. Dahl. Yale University Press, 2006.
142 p. 323.5 DAH

This book explores the existing political landscape in the United States and addresses the important issue of political equality in America's democratic idealism. Robert A. Dahl investigates what has gone wrong and where the government has fallen short in bringing about this equality. Dahl is practical in his approach as he admits that complete equality is impossible, but at the same time he advocates feasible strides in this direction. He also explores various obstacles that stand in the way of attaining political equality. -- CH/K/M

52. Debating the presidency : conflicting perspectives on the American executive / edited by Richard J. Ellis and Michael Nelson. CQ Press, ©2006. 222 p. 352.23 DEB

Unlike conventional textbooks on the subject, this open-ended book exposes various topics related to American presidency in a debate form. Each topic included has a pro and a con essay that offer both perspectives and leave the readers to draw their own conclusions. Essays are concise yet compelling and cover most pivotal issues facing modern presidency. Ellis and Nelson introduce each pair of pro/con essays so that the readers have a brief general overview of the subject before entering into the debate essays. The book will appeal to a wide audience who may have conflicting perspectives about the issues in question. The approach of the book allows the readers to participate directly in the ongoing controversies about the American presidency and leaves them with the option to take either side. -- ND

53. Dworkin, R. M.
Is democracy possible here? : principles for a new political debate / Ronald Dworkin. Princeton University Press, ©2006. 177 p.
320.973 DWO

Rarely has partisan rhetoric been more divisive or political bickering more infantile than over the last few election cycles. In this

book, Dworkin argues that liberals and conservatives must realize that each camp is working for the same goal of a better America. Dworkin builds this work on the assertion that most Americans accept certain fundamental principles, the most important of which are the beliefs that "each human life has a special kind of objective value" and "each person has a special responsibility for realizing the success of his own life." From these conventionally conservative maxims, Dworkin constructs an unmistakably liberal legal framework, coming down in favor of due process for terror suspects, same-sex marriage, abortion rights and progressive taxation and social welfare policies. Written in simple language, the book is at times very compelling. -- CH/M (*Adapted from Publishers Weekly*, ©2006)

54. Nelson, Robert H.
Private neighborhoods and the transformation of local government / Robert H. Nelson. Urban Institute Press, ©2005. 469 p. 323.042 NEL

Nelson describes how private neighborhood associations are not just havens for people with an intense personal hatreds of fences over six feet tall, but in fact have become part of many local governments, with over 50 million Americans living under their purview. He also explains how some of those Americans have pointed out operational and quality flaws, and describes the process of managing neighborhood "commons," the transition from public zoning to private neighborhood associations, and the relationship between neighborhoods and current political and economic thought. He urges older, more established neighborhoods to use his sample constitution to form associations in emulation of the 250,000 suburbs which have already done so. Nelson also provides information on neighborhood secession. This powerful book provides an excellent discussion of the long overlooked revolution in neighborhood governance in the United States. -- CH/M (*Adapted from Book News, Inc.*, ©2005)

PSYCHOLOGY

55. Goleman, Daniel.
Social intelligence : the new science of human relationships / Daniel Goleman. Bantam Books, 2007. 403 p. 158.2 GOL

Social Intelligence follows the success of Daniel Goleman's bestselling title *Emotional Intelligence*. In this groundbreaking synthesis of the latest findings in biology and brain science, Goleman persuasively argues for a new social model of intelligence drawn from the emerging field of social neuroscience. Describing what happens to our brains when we connect with others, Goleman demonstrates how relationships have the power to mold not only human experience but also human biology. In lucid prose he describes from a neurobiological perspective sexual attraction, marriage, parenting, psychopathic behaviors and the group dynamics of teachers and workers. Goleman frames his discussion in a critique of society's creeping disconnection in the age of the iPod, constant digital connectivity and multitasking. Vividly evoking the power of social interaction to influence mood and brain chemistry, Goleman discusses the "toxicity" of insult and unpleasant social experience as he warns of the dangers of self-absorption and poor attention and reveals the positive effects of feel-good neuronchemicals that are released in loving relationships and in caregiving. Drawing on numerous studies, Goleman illuminates new theories about attachment, bonding, and the making and remaking of memory as he examines how our brains are wired for altruism, compassion, concern and rapport. -- K/M/ND (*Adapted from Publishers Weekly*, ©2007)

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

56. Vettel, Eric James.
Biotech : the countercultural origins of an industry / Eric J. Vettel. University of Pennsylvania Press, ©2006. 273 p. 338.476606 VET

Eric J. Vettel takes a new look at the origin and growth of the biotechnology industry from its birth in the San Francisco Bay area, with the birth of the world's first biotechnology company, Cetus, to its growth into the multibillion-dollar industry today. Vettel presents the actual story behind

genetic engineering, recombinant DNA, cloning, and stem-cell research. His story is based on oral histories, university records, and private corporate archives. The compelling story of biotechnology industry reveals the cultural and political revolution of the sixties that resulted in a new scientific order. -- CH/M

SOCIOLOGY

57. Baker, Wayne E.
America's crisis of values : reality and perception / Wayne Baker.
Princeton University Press, 2006. 307 p. 303.372 BAK

Opinion polls over the past several years indicate that there is growing concern among many politicians, religious leaders, and the majority of Americans about the decline of traditional American values. Wayne E. Baker, however, thinks to the contrary and believes that neither America has lost its values nor are Americans headed for any related crisis. While exploring the moral terrain of contemporary America, the book analyses the widely held perceptions about the moral values of the nation and examines America's traditional values, secular values, religious values, family values, economic values, and others. Data from the World Values Surveys is used to evaluate the perceived crisis of values by comparing America's values with that of over 60 other nations. The results figure in favor of America retaining its traditional values and that the prevalent perception about its traditional value is a myth. Based on solid evidence, this book addresses the fundamental debates over America's cultural crisis and transformation of American culture. -- K

58. McClain, Linda C.
The place of families : fostering capacity, equality, and responsibility / Linda C. McClain. Harvard University Press, ©2006. 377 p. 306.8 MCC

Touching upon the complex relationships between families and public life in the United States, Linda McClain puts forward a liberal and feminist theory of family life and politics. Linda admits that family does a great deal to foster key civic virtues in the citizens. While doing so, she considers family beyond its conventional limitations – not

necessarily one that qualifies by virtue of traditional marriage. She discusses some of the most intricate issues in contemporary American family law and public policy including governmental promotion of heterosexual marriage and the denial of marriage to same-sex couples, the regulation of family life through welfare policy, and constitutional rights to reproductive freedom. Legal scholars, social scientists and anybody interested in American family law would appreciate the persuasive and original work of McClain. -- K

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